



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETING



Draft Removal Action Workplan for Heroic War Dead United States Army Reserve Center Oakland, California

A proposal to clean up contamination at the Heroic War Dead United States Army Reserve Center (HWD) is open for public comment. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a 20-day public comment period on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the HWD site located at 2400 Engineer Road, Oakland, California. DTSC will accept written comments on the Draft RAW. The Draft RAW addresses site investigation activities, cleanup objectives, remedial alternatives, and the proposed remedy for the site.

The Draft RAW for the site proposes the following:

- Restrictions that prohibit drilling and use of drinking water wells, using the property for residences, schools, day-care centers, or hospitals.
- Removal of soil contaminated with polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons and disposal of the soil at a permitted off-site disposal facility.
- Covering lead contaminated soil with an asphalt cap to isolate the contaminants present and eliminate potential exposures.
- Implementing a biannual groundwater-monitoring program.

Based on an environmental assessment, DTSC has determined that no significant environmental impacts would result from the cleanup project, and therefore, to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption.

The United States Army Reserve (USAR) is the current HWD property owner. USAR plans to transfer the HWD property to the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD). The expected transfer date is June 30, 2007. EBMUD is funding the cleanup activities for the HWD site to ensure that cleanup activities will be done by the transfer date. DTSC, after careful consideration, has decided to shorten the normal 30-day public comment period to a 20-day public comment period to meet this timeline.

The **20-day public comment period begins on May 17, 2007 and ends on June 5, 2007**. DTSC will carefully consider all comments before making a final decision on the Draft RAW. All those who comment will receive a final decision notice and a copy of DTSC's Responses to Comments. Please send all written comments postmarked no later than June 5, 2007 to Henry Wong, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710. You may submit comments electronically to Hwong@dtsc.ca.gov no later than 5:00 pm on June 5, 2007.

DTSC will hold a **Public Meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, 6:00 p.m.** at the **West Oakland Multipurpose Senior Center, 1724 Adeline Street, 2nd Floor, Oakland, CA 94607**. DTSC will accept verbal and written comments at the meeting.

The Draft RAW and Notice of Exemption are available for viewing at the following locations:

West Oakland Public Library
1801 Adeline Street
Oakland, CA 94607
510-238-7352

DTSC File Room
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94710
510-540-3800
(Please call for appointment)

The Draft RAW and Notice of Exemption are also available at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/ under the project name Oakland Army Reserve Exchange.

For more information, you may contact Henry Wong, DTSC Project Manager at 510-540-3770 or Chao Thao, Public Participation Specialist at 916-255-3649 or 866-495-5651 and CThao@dtsc.ca.gov. Media inquiries should be directed to Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer at 510-540-3732 or Ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov.